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Request for Extension of Time  
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**SOLID PHASES OPTIMIZED FOR CHEMILUMINESCENT DETECTION**

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It is hereby requested that a two-month extension of time be granted in the above identified application from the Non-Final Office Action, dated April 26, 2006, which extends the period for reply to September 26, 2006.

This Extension of time is being requested for the purpose of filing:

a response to the Office Action dated April 26, 2006.  
 formal drawings.  
     (The Issue Fee due \_\_\_\_\_ has been timely filed.)  
 a Notice of Appeal.  
     (A timely response to the Final Rejection due \_\_\_\_\_ has been filed.)  
 an Appeal Brief.  
 a Request for Continued Examination (RCE).  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Respectfully submitted,

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